

(i) The RA will advise the INS that the certification cannot be granted, giving the reasons therefor, and that an administrative-judicial review of the denial was offered to the employer but not accepted, and enclosing, for INS review, the entire temporary labor certification application file; and

(ii) The employer has the opportunity to submit evidence to the INS to rebut the bases of the RA's determination in accordance with the INS regulation at 8 CFR 214.2(h)(3)(i) but that no further review of the employer's application for temporary labor certification may be made by any Department of Labor official.

(e) If the employer timely requests an expedited administrative-judicial review pursuant to paragraph (d)(2) of this section, the procedures of §655.212 shall be followed.

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#### **§ 655.205 Recruitment period.**

(a) If the RA determines that the temporary labor certification application meets the requirements of §§655.201 through 655.203, the RA shall promptly notify the employer in writing, with copies to the State agency and local office. The notice shall inform the employer and the State agency of the specific efforts which will be expected from them during the following weeks to carry out the assurances contained in §655.203 with respect to the recruitment of U.S. workers. The notice shall require that the job order be placed both into intrastate clearance and into interstate clearance to such States as the RA shall determine to be potential sources of U.S. workers.

(b) Thereafter, the RA, under the direction of the ETA national office and with the assistance of other RAs with respect to areas outside the region, shall provide overall direction to the employer and the State agency with respect to the recruitment of U.S. workers.

(c) By the 60th day of the recruitment period, or 20 days before the date of need specified in the application, whichever is later, the RA, when making a determination of the availability of U.S. workers, shall also make a determination as to whether the em-

ployer has satisfied the recruitment assurances in §655.203. If the RA concludes that the employer has not satisfied the requirement for recruitment of U.S. workers, the RA shall deny the temporary labor certification, and shall immediately notify the employer in writing with a copy to the State agency and local office. The notice shall contain the statements specified in §655.204(d).

(d) If the employer timely requests an expedited administrative-judicial review before a DOL Hearing Officer, the procedures in §655.212 shall be followed.

#### **§ 655.206 Determinations of U.S. worker availability and adverse effect on U.S. workers.**

(a) If the RA, in accordance with §655.205 has determined that the employer has complied with the recruitment assurances, the RA, by 60th day of the recruitment period, or 20 days before the date of need specified in the application, whichever is later, shall grant the temporary labor certification for enough aliens to fill the employer's job opportunities for which U.S. workers are not available. In making this determination the RA shall consider as available for a job opportunity any U.S. worker who has made a firm commitment to work for the employer, including those workers committed by other authorized persons such as farm labor contractors and family heads; such a firm commitment shall be considered to have been made not only by workers who have signed work contracts with the employer, but also by those whom the RA determines are very likely to sign such a work contract. The RA shall also count as available any U.S. worker who has applied to the employer (or on whose behalf an application has been made), but who was rejected by the employer for other than lawful job-related reasons unless the RA determines that:

(1) Enough qualified U.S. workers have been found to fill all the employer's job opportunities; or

(2) The employer, since the time of the initial determination under §655.204, has adversely affected U.S. workers by offering to, or agreeing to provide to, alien workers better wages,